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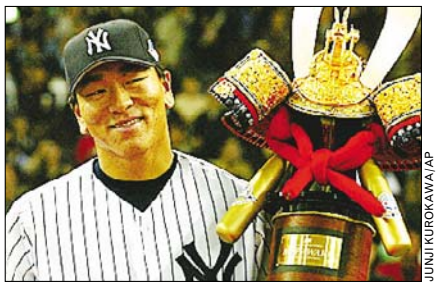

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YANKEE PRIDE: New York's Hideki Matsui homered in his native Japan as the Yankees trounced the Devil Rays, 12-1. **Sports** | Page 8

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ANGER UNLEASHED: Cheering Iraqis use shoes to strike the charred remains of a civilian worker killed in an ambush in the flashpoint city of Fallujah on Wednesday. Four were killed in the attack, on the deadliest day for Americans in Iraq since January. ✣ **Ugly sights:** TV treads carefully with explicit images | Page 3

Gruesome Attack in Iraq

4 U.S. civilians killed, dragged through streets in Fallujah

FALLUJAH, IRAQ | In a scene reminiscent of Somalia, frenzied crowds dragged the burned, mutilated bodies of four American contractors through the streets of Fallujah on Wednesday and strung two of them up from a bridge after rebels ambushed their SUVs.

Five U.S. soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division also were killed when a bomb exploded under their M-113 armored personnel carrier north of Fallujah, making it the bloodiest day for Americans in Iraq since Jan. 8.

Fallujah, a Sunni Triangle city west of Baghdad, has been the scene of some of the worst violence since the beginning of the American occupation a year ago.

Residents said insurgents attacked the contractors with small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades. After the attack, a jubilant crowd of civilians, many chanting "Fallujah is the graveyard of Americans," gathered to celebrate, dragging the bodies through the street and hanging two of them from the bridge.

The abuse and mutilation of the contractors' corpses was similar to the widely broadcast scene more than a decade ago in Somalia, when a mob dragged corpses of U.S. soldiers through the streets of Mogadishu, eventually leading to the American withdrawal from the African nation.

The White House blamed terrorists and remnants of Saddam Hussein's former regime for the "horrific attacks" on the contractors.

Referring to the planned June 30 transfer of sovereignty to Iraqis, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said "the best way to honor those that lost their lives" is to continue with efforts to bring democracy to Iraq. SAMEER N. YACOUB (AP)

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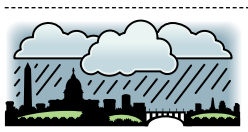

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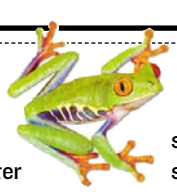
SURPRISES | **An Extra Kick** A busy mom in Kalispell, Mont., was making a salad when she unexpectedly came across some protein — live protein. Laurie Kollman was tearing up triple-washed spinach Sunday night when her 11-year-old daughter



Ashley saw something moving. It was a small tree frog. Kollman said the frog eventually perked up, and she took it to school Monday to show to her 20 third-grade students at St. Matthew's School. The students quickly named it Popeye. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

LUCA BRUNO/AP

FOOD

Dough Throwers

Cheese was in heavy supply and many held the anchovies at the 13th Annual World Pizza Championship in Salsomaggiore, Italy. Competitors, including Italian Simone Di Nardo, left, faced off in categories that measured speed and ability, including Fastest Pizza Maker, Largest Dough Stretch and the high-flying Freestyle Pizza-Tossing, according to the U.S. delegation's Web site. Contestants from 10 countries participated in the event, which wrapped up on Wednesday. (EXPRESS)

CRIME

An Intoxicating Offer

Police in Ludlow, Ky., have charged a northern Kentucky man with trying to buy a vote with a 12-pack of beer. Edward Lucas offered the beer to an 18-year-old student at Ludlow High School in exchange for a "no" vote on a proposed nickel increase in school property taxes, Ludlow police officer James Tucker said in an affidavit. The teen was not named. Lucas, 40, denied the charge. "I don't know the boy, and that's not exactly what was said," Lucas told the Cincinnati Enquirer. "I said, 'I hope it doesn't go through and if it doesn't, I'm going to have a big beer party.'" (AP)

HAROLD HINSON/AP

SPARE PARTS

Where Dinosaurs Roam

Sure, the Smithsonian has ancient dinosaur bones — but none of them ever cruised the interstate. Jim Gary's dinosaurs, however, have. The New Jersey sculptor's dinosaur-shaped creations, made from junk car parts, are going on display this weekend at the Lowes Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. Gary says car models as extinct as the dinosaurs themselves — especially Chryslers with their heavy-forged steel frames — make the best fodder for his sculptures. But he warns that the creatures are more art than science. "I never went out and started counting vertebrae," he said. (EXPRESS)

YOUTH

Pilfered Pickup

A pair of 9-year-old boys in Kirksville, Mo., broke into several cars Tuesday before stealing a pickup truck and driving it to the local Wal-Mart Super Center, police said. One of the boys apparently sat in the drivers' seat to steer the half-ton Chevrolet while the other manned the gas pedal and brake. Authorities believe the two boys decided to skip school and then stole a BB gun pistol, a pack of cigarettes and two lighters from vehicles in the Kirksville High School parking lot. (AP)

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WASHINGTON

HUD Spends Millions for Questionable Repair Jobs

Thinking it was renovating homes that the government owned, the nation's housing agency paid for substandard and never-performed work that left properties in deplorable condition, congressional investigators say. The General Accounting Office report obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press said $16.3 million in payments could not be supported in the fiscal years ending Sept. 30, 2002, and 2003. (AP)

CONCORD, N.H.

Governor Bought Drugs From Canadian Pharmacy

While researching the safety of prescription drugs, Gov. Craig Benson ordered brand-name medicines from a Canadian online pharmacy for about half the cost of purchasing the same drugs in the United States, the governor said Wednesday. He hopes his findings encourage the federal government to give his state a waiver to order drugs from Canadian pharmacies. (AP)

STEELVILLE, MO.

Woman Pleads Guilty To Shooting in Suicide Pact

A young woman being tried on charges of murdering a high school classmate in a suicide pact pleaded guilty Wednesday to manslaughter. Elizabeth Connelly, 18, could get five to 15 years in prison for the 2002 death of Heather Thorson, 16. Investigators said Connelly killed Thorson, then changed her mind about taking her own life. (AP)

Missing Wis. Student Found Alive

Police continue hunt for suspect in Audrey Seiler's disappearance

MADISON, WIS. | A missing University of Wisconsin student was found alive and healthy Wednesday in a marsh near campus, four days after she vanished from her nearby apartment with no coat or purse.

Police gave few details on what happened to Audrey Seiler and would not say whether she had been abducted. But police were looking for a man they believed had a gun and a knife in the area where she was found.

Seiler, 20, was treated at a hospital and released after being there less than six hours. Dr. Philip Schultz said Seiler was cold and dehydrated and had muscle aches.

Officer Larry Kamholz said Seiler was found after an employee at a nearby office building called police to report what she thought was a body in the marsh less than two miles from Seiler's off-campus apartment.

Seiler was last seen on a surveillance tape from her apartment building early Saturday morning. She was involved in another mysterious incident on Feb. 1, when she was struck from behind by an unknown assailant and knocked unconscious, police said. She was then moved about a block from where she was attacked but was not sexually assaulted or robbed, authorities said.

Police are unsure if there was any connection between Seiler's disappearance and the attack.

TODD RICHMOND (AP)

ANDY MANIS/AP

EARNEST EFFORT: Police officers in Madison, Wis., use a dog on Wednesday to search an area near the place where a missing University of Wisconsin student Audrey Seiler was found alive earlier in the day. They say the suspect may be armed.

HEARSAY | OPTING OUT

"I just don't want to be used. ... I don't want this to become any more emotional or personal than it has already."

—EX-BUSH ADVISER RICHARD CLARKE ON A DECISION TO ASK MOVEON.ORG TO PULL AN AD FEATURING HIS NAME AND COMMENTS. CLARKE HAS BEEN CRITICAL OF THE PRESIDENT'S PRE-9/11 TERRORISM POLICIES.

Networks Hold Back on Iraq Footage

LOS ANGELES | Macabre images of four U.S. civilians killed in Iraq filled television screens worldwide Wednesday but were largely shunned by American television that deemed them too graphic.

Network and cable newscasts planned judicious use of the video, which included images of the victims' charred bodies dragged through the street and hanging from a bridge.

"We've had similar discussions throughout the war" in how to handle such raw footage, said Steve Capus, executive producer of "NBC Nightly News."

"Quite honestly, it doesn't need to be seen in full in order to convey the horrors of this despicable act," Capus said.

Fox News Channel planned to limit its images to shots of the burning vehicles in which the civilian contractors to the U.S. government had been riding and of joyous crowds in Fallujah.

CNN initially limited images to that of the car burning, but broadcast more graphic footage during its 7 p.m. news broadcast. "We waited to give authorities time to inform next of kin," network spokeswoman Christa Robinson said. LYNN ELBER (AP)

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Radio Network Leans Left

Comedian Al Franken headlines batch of talk shows aimed at liberals

NEW YORK | Is it a radio business, or is it politics?

The two seem inextricably entwined for the leaders of Air America Radio, the liberal talk radio network that launched on five stations around the country Wednesday.

As a startup media business, they need to draw in listeners fast. Air America Radio is betting that a menu of left-leaning political commentary, current affairs talk and satire will resonate with those opposed to the Bush administration.

Al Franken, who is headlining the network with a daily three-hour talk show, has made no secret of his intention to use his platform to influence the election in November.

Franken

"We are flaming swords of justice," Franken told a cheering crowd at a party to launch the network Tuesday night. "Bush is going down, he is going down, he is going down. And we're going to help him."

Franken's show — dubbed "The O'Franken Factor" in his latest jab at Fox News host Bill O'Reilly — went live at noon on Wednesday with co-host Katherine Lanpher, a longtime host of a public radio show in Minnesota. At the opening, Franken joked that they were broadcasting from a bunker 3,500 feet below Vice President Dick Cheney's own secret bunker.

One big question facing the network is what Franken will do in a year's time, when his contract expires. "It depends on how much I like radio," he says. SETH SUTEL (AP)

A liberal debut: Howard Kurtz takes a look at Air America Radio's first day on the air and its chances for future success | Today's Washington Post, A Section

For 92-Year-Old, Raising Children Is in the Genes

LAKELAND, FLA. | Lucille Bouges has been rearing children, hers and other people's, for the better part of 70 years. Most everybody around here just calls her "Mother."

Bouges is 92 now and thought she was finished bringing up babies.

That lasted until this past New Year's Eve, when her 26-year-old great-granddaughter went to jail again and left a brood of six young ones without a place to live or anybody to look after them.

As she's done so many times before, Mother Bouges stepped up. With the blessing of state social service workers — and much support from her church, charities and family — she took them in.

Six great-great-grandchildren, ages 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 11. Four girls and two boys.

"Some people said, 'You're too old,'" Bouges said, sitting on the front porch of the old three-bedroom, tin-roofed house she rented recently to accommodate the family. "And I said, 'I didn't hear God say nothin' about that.' God's happy and I'm happy, so there's nothing to worry about." MITCH STACY (AP)

RICK RUNION/AP
Lucille Bouges sits with great-great-granddaughters Curtesha Hall, 2, left, and Curdaisya Hall, 4, in Lakeland, Fla.

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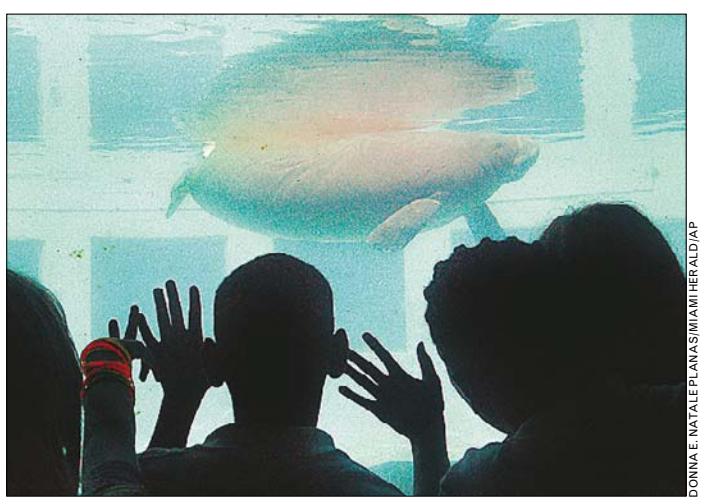
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GREETINGS: Students from The Charter School of Boynton Beach in Florida got to meet Phoenix, their adopted manatee, for the first time Wednesday at the opening of the Manatee Exhibit at Miami Seaquarium in Key Biscayne, Fla.

U.S., Canadian Officials Bust Ecstacy Ring

WASHINGTON | Drug agents began rounding up 170 people in the United States and Canada whom they said were part of a distribution ring responsible for 15 percent of all the ecstasy smuggled into this country.

At its height, the alleged trafficking ring distributed 1 million ecstasy tablets per month in the two countries and laundered another $5 million a month, officials said Wednesday.

Of the 170 charged in arrest warrants, about 145 had been arrested as of Wednesday afternoon. (AP)

In Brief

CYPRUS

U.N.'s Annan Submits Plan For Island's Reunification

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Wednesday handed Greek, Turkish and Cypriot officials his final plan for the reunification of Cyprus. The plan envisages separate Greek and Turkish Cypriot states linked by a weak federal government. Annan said he plans to hold national referendums on the plan on April 24. (AP)

FRANCE

De Villepin Changes Jobs In Post-Election Shake-Up

Under pressure after a pounding at the polls, Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin named a new government Wednesday. Among the changes: top diplomat Dominique de Villepin, known for his criticism of the U.S.-led war in Iraq, will become interior minister. European Commissioner Michel Barnier will replace him as foreign minister. (AP)

Barnier

SUDAN

Opposition Figure, Military Officers Held in Coup Plot

Sudan has detained 10 military officers and seven opposition party members who planned to stage a coup, Defense Minister Bakri Hassan Salih said Wednesday, hours after the arrest of opposition leader and Islamic fundamentalist Hassan Turabi. Salih said the officers had been planning the coup since last year, assisted by Turabi's Popular Congress party. The Popular Congress denied involvement. (AP)

SERBIA-MONTENEGRO

U.S. Suspends $26M in Aid

The United States suspended about $26 million in aid to Serbia-Montenegro on Wednesday for its refusal to hand over suspects to the U.N. war crimes tribunal at the Hague. The most prominent suspect still at large is former Bosnian Serb army commander Gen. Ratko Mladic. He was accused by the U.N. court of genocide in the deaths of about 8,000 men and boys in the Bosnian Muslim enclave of Srebrenica in July 1995. (AP)

Bloody Day Echoes Mogadishu

Fallujah scenes revive painful memories, but reflect different reality

WASHINGTON | The murder and mutilation of four American contractors near Baghdad and the grinding death toll of American soldiers put a grisly face on the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

More than a decade ago, in 1993, Somalia militiamen attacked two U.S. helicopters, killing 18 U.S. rangers. A mob dragged corpses of American soldiers through the streets of Mogadishu, eventually leading to the U.S. withdrawal. But now the White House vows there will be no retreat.

"To buckle under to a bunch of insurgents" would be the ultimate disgrace to the memories of those who have given their lives, said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, the U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad. He called the attacks examples of "a slight uptick in localized engagements" in Iraq, which he said have had a "negligible impact" on the coalition's progress.

While the horrific images from Iraq were similar to those from Somalia, the differences between U.S. involvement in the African nation and Iraq are pronounced.

The Bush administration has far more at stake in Iraq. Withdrawal would be far more complicated, perhaps leading to civil war and creating new havens for terror organizations. And, while disturbing, Wednesday's attacks are the latest in a continuing series of assaults against civilians and U.S. and British occupation forces.

"Granted, these attacks were especially horrid," said Michael O'Hanlon, a military analyst with the Brookings Institution. "But the country at this point is largely baced for this sort of thing."

In Somalia, the 18 American deaths lost in one night was as many as had been lost in the entire operation up until then. At least 597 U.S. troops have died in Iraq since the war began. TOM RAUM (AP)

N.C. COMPANY LOSES 4

→ **The four civilians** who were killed and dragged through the streets of Fallujah Wednesday worked for Blackwater Security Consulting, a government subcontractor based in North Carolina that is providing security for the delivery of food in the Fallujah area.

The names of the victims were not released because family members hadn't been notified, a company statement said. (AP)

MOHAMMED KHODOR/REUTERS

INFERNO: One of two SUVs burns in Fallujah on Wednesday. Frenzied crowds dragged the burned, mutilated bodies of four U.S. contractors through the streets and strung two of them up from a bridge after rebels ambushed their SUVs.

U.S. Adds 2,000 Marines to Force In Afghanistan

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | A force of 2,000 Marines has begun arriving in Afghanistan as part of a stepped-up mission to crush Taliban-led insurgents and flush out al Qaeda fugitives.

The 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit will work a specific area of the country in an attempt to improve intelligence on enemy activity, spokesman Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty said. He declined to give details, citing security concerns, and said they were not part of a troop rotation, but additional troops.

The American military is building up its forces for an offensive intended to finish off Taliban and al Qaeda militants whose attacks have prevented reconstruction along the Pakistani border.

In the latest operation, troops detained six suspected Taliban members — including a "mid-level" leader — in a raid in southern Afghanistan late Tuesday, Hilferty said. He did not disclose the leader's identity.

The Marines will bring the U.S.-led coalition to 15,500. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: Donors at an international conference in Berlin pledged $4.4 billion to help rebuild Afghanistan next year, the Afghan finance minister said Wednesday. A State Department official said the U.S. will contribute $2.3 billion, assuming Congress approves $600 million of that total. (AP)

Court Rules U.S. Violated Mexican Inmates' Rights

U.N. judges say those on death row denied access to consular aid

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS | The world court ordered the United States on Wednesday to review the death penalty cases of 51 Mexicans, including one scheduled to die May 18 in Oklahoma, saying their right to consular assistance was violated.

The ruling by the International Court of Justice could mean a reprieve or another chance of appeal for dozens of Mexican prisoners. It also could have implications for other foreign citizens in U.S. prisons who were not told they could receive help from their governments.

It was the second time the highest court of the United Nations ruled the United States had broken the 1963 Vienna Convention, which protects foreigners accused of serious crimes.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Adam Ereli had no immediate comment except to say that U.S. officials will study the decision carefully. ANTHONY DEUTSCH (AP)

Local

Dire Warnings From Metro CEO

White says agency is headed towards a 'transit death-spiral'

WASHINGTON | Metro is about three years away from heading downward into a "transit death-spiral," the agency's top executive plans to tell board members Thursday.

"We are predicting the strong potential for what we're calling a systemic service meltdown that's going to begin as early as three years from now," Metro CEO Richard White told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview Wednesday.

White predicts riders will abandon the system, pour into cars and add to traffic congestion, which will worsen air quality.

"When that happens you can't get out of the spiral," White added.

White said no jurisdictions have committed to funding the amount Metro says is needed to provide eight-car trains, maintain the 27-year-old system, buy 120 new rail cars and 185 buses, and beef up security.

White said if the agency does not have funding agreements in place with D.C., Virginia and Maryland by October, it will miss a critical deadline to buy 50 rail cars. If they don't contract for the cars by November, eight-car trains will be delayed two years and White estimates the agency will have to buy 42 fewer cars because the price will have gone up by several hundred thousand dollars apiece.

White

By mid-2007, White predicts delays and frustration like what riders experienced March 18, when a fire shut part of the Red Line, forcing thousands of passengers onto the streets. CANDACE SMITH (AP)

Police Arrest Man in School Incident

Pr. George's fire chief says suspect resembles sketch of area arsonist

LANDOVER, MD. | A suspect is now under arrest in the case of a man who authorities say impersonated a fire investigator at a Lanham, Md., school.

Prince George's County Fire Chief Ron Blackwell says the suspect was arrested around noon today at an apartment complex in Riverdale Heights as he was getting into a white Volvo. That car matches the description of the one seen Monday at Magnolia Elementary School in Lanham, where the man allegedly asked for various information, but was turned down by school officials. Blackwell says they got a lot of tips from the public about the Volvo.

Blackwell says the unidentified suspect resembles the sketch of the serial arsonist wanted in 36 cases in Prince George's County, Md., Washington, Montgomery County, Md., and Northern Virginia. But the chief stresses the charges for now relate only to Monday's incident.

Asked about an incident Tuesday in which a man approached a teacher at Thomas Johnson Middle School in Lanham, the chief said that case also remains under investigation. (AP)

The Lotteries

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D.C. Sued Over Parking Meters

WASHINGTON | Calling many of the city's parking meters inaccessible, activists for the disabled filed suit Wednesday against the District of Columbia government.

According to the plaintiffs, a check of 250 meters found 48 percent out of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. They contend many meters are obstructed by planter boxes, poles or other barriers. The suit seeks 25 cents per day for each obstructed meter. (AP)

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Money

In Brief

ACCOUNTING

Reform Urged for Reporting Stock-Based Compensation

The Financial Accounting Standards Board proposed a reform that would force publicly held businesses to treat all stock-based compensation as an expense — a change that would dramatically reduce the earnings of many well-known companies, particularly in the high-tech industry. The ruling sets the stage for a Congressional showdown pitting Silicon Valley against Wall Street. (AP)

RETAIL

Best Buy, Circuit City Show Strong 4th-Quarter Earnings

The country's two largest electronics retailers reported strong quarterly earnings on Wednesday. Best reported a 51 percent earnings jump in the fourth quarter, while Circuit City Stores reported a 26 percent fourth-quarter profit increase, exceeding Wall Street expectations. (AP)

HEARSAY | GOSSIP

"There is no truth to the rumor. The chairman is fine."

—MICHELLE SMITH, FED SPOKESWOMAN SWATTING DOWN RUMORS CIRCULATING WEDNESDAY THAT FED CHAIRMAN ALAN GREENSPAN HAD SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK.

Stewart's Lawyers Ask for New Trial

Filing in federal court claims juror lied about past arrest for assault

NEW YORK | Martha Stewart asked on Wednesday for a new trial, saying one of the jurors who convicted her lied about a past arrest on assault charges.

Stewart lawyer Robert Morvillo said in papers filed in Manhattan federal court that he would have sought to strike juror Chappell Hartridge had he known about the prior incidents.

The Stewart filing said Hartridge was arrested in 1997 after a woman with whom he was living filed an assault complaint. The filing said Hartridge spent several days in jail before the woman withdrew her complaint because she could not miss work to attend court.

Hartridge

The filing also said Hartridge lied on his jury questionnaire by omitting the fact that he has been sued at least three times.

"These facts, in and of themselves, establish that Ms. Stewart is entitled to a new trial," Morvillo wrote.

Stewart was convicted March 5 of lying to federal investigators about her sale of 3,298 shares of ImClone Systems stock on Dec. 27, 2001, just before it plunged on a negative government report. She is to be sentenced June 17. (AP)

OPEC Move May Boost Gas Prices

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | With fuel costs already at uncomfortable levels for consumers, OPEC took a step that could push prices even higher by announcing Wednesday that it would cut its crude-oil production target by 4 percent.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries hopes the cut, which takes effect Thursday, will prevent a slide in prices this spring, when the global demand for oil usually slips to a seasonal low.

Some analysts said the cut could soon push crude prices above the psychologically important threshold of $40 per barrel. The decision could also worsen the pain for U.S. motorists, who have been paying an average of $1.80 a gallon for gasoline, the highest price in recent years.

SUSANNA LOOF (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SabreHold	24.81	+3.99	+19.2
Intertan	13.97	+1.72	+14.0
MailWell	4.47	+.37	+9.0
OreStl	7.56	+.52	+7.4
BestBuy	51.72	+3.32	+6.9

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
NtwkEq	9.98	-2.07	-17.2
TerraNitro	12.24	-1.90	-13.4
Trump	2.40	-.31	-11.4
IntstBak	11.37	-1.30	-10.3
Ameron s	33.73	-2.53	-7.0

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
EnPointe	2.68	+.85	+46.4
Misonix	7.37	+1.80	+32.3
Mamma	13.68	+2.97	+27.8
Omtool	16.90	+3.40	+25.2
UFP Tch	2.00	+.37	+22.7

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Qlogic	33.00	-9.69	-22.7
G-III	7.75	-2.16	-21.8
aaiPhrm	6.63	-1.55	-18.9
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Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
BcoSnCH	10.98	+.08	-8.6
BankOne	54.52	-.03	+19.6
Bk of Am	80.98	-.79	+.7
Barclay	36.14	+.39	-.6
CredSuiss	34.80	+.83	-4.2
DeutschBk	83.48	+.99	+1.5
FleetBost	44.90	-.43	+2.9
HSBC	74.80	-.20	-5.1
JPMorgCh	41.95	-.03	+15.3
LloydTSB	31.09	+.15	-4.5
MitsuTkyo	9.93	+.36	+26.8
UBS AG	74.49	+.50	+9.6
US Bancrp	27.65	-.19	-5.8
Wachovia	47.00	+.13	+.9
WellsFrgo	56.67	-.16	-3.8

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.0625	1.00
3-month	0.93	0.92
2-year	1.57	1.47
10-year	3.84	3.71
30-year	4.77	4.66

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5426	.5473	.6328
Canadian Dollar	1.3116	1.3067	1.4691
European Euro	.8127	.8203	.9178
Japanese Yen	104.35	105.58	118.14
Mexican Peso	11.1210	11.1900	10.7450
Taiwanese Dollar	33.01	33.15	34.75

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Sports

Bronx Bombers Live Up to Billing

Matsui, Posada homer in Yankees' 12-1 victory over the Devil Rays

BASEBALL | Hideki Matsui rocked the Tokyo Dome with a two-run homer, Jorge Posada hit three-run shots from both sides of the plate and the New York Yankees calmed their jittery supporters back home by routing the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 12-1 on Wednesday night.

A day after Tampa Bay won the season opener 8-3, the Yankees restored the old order.

Kevin Brown got his 198th career victory in his first start for the Yankees, allowing six hits over seven innings.

It was another quiet game for Alex Rodriguez, who went 0-for-5 and is now 1-for-9 with no RBIs. And Derek Jeter finally got his first hit, an RBI single, after going hitless in his first seven at-bats.

But the night belonged to Matsui, Japan's biggest sports star.

ERIKO SUGITA/REUTERS

Hideki Matsui received a standing ovation for his homer in Japan on Wednesday.

Matsui tied the game in the fourth with a run-scoring single. In the fifth, Matsui teed off on a belt-high pitch, sending it deep into the seats in right-center. Japanese fans gave him a standing ovation. Some of the spectators repeatedly bowed to him. RONALD BLUM (AP)

Garciaparra Out at Least 3 Weeks

Red Sox place All-Star shortstop on disabled list with injured tendon

BASEBALL | Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra will start the season on the disabled list with an injured right Achilles' tendon and is expected to be out at least three weeks.

The All-Star slugger said Wednesday that doctors told him to rest. Pokey Reese will be at shortstop when Boston opens the regular season Sunday in Baltimore, and Mark Bellhorn will fill in for Reese at second base.

No structural damage was found in the tendon, but the injury was diagnosed as a bruise in the cartilage that covers the tendon. The only treatment is rest.

Garciaparra was injured March 5 when he was hit by a ball during batting practice. He has been limited to just eight at-bats in spring training.

He is the second Red Sox starter to go down this spring. Right fielder Trot Nixon is expected to be out until early May with a lower back problem.

General manager Theo Epstein doesn't plan to trade for temporary replacements. (AP)

CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Nomar Garciaparra will start the baseball season on the disabled list.

HEARSAY | FOOT IN MOUTH

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—NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL GREAT PAUL HORNUNG

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In Brief

JAYSON WILLIAMS CASE

Defense Rests Without Former NBA Star Testifying

The defense in Jayson Williams's manslaughter trial rested Wednesday after the former NBA star said he would not take the stand. The 36-year-old Williams is charged in the February 2002 shooting death of a limousine driver at his mansion. The defense rested Wednesday after presenting five witnesses; the prosecution presented 36. (AP)

SOCCER

Friedel, U.S., Shut Out Poland

The United States tuned up for World Cup qualifying by beating Poland 1-0 in an exhibition game Wednesday on DaMarcus Beasley's goal, ending the hosts' seven-game winning streak. Goalkeeper Brad Friedel had a shutout in his first national team game in nearly two years for the United States. The Americans open their road to the 2006 World Cup with a qualifier against Grenada in Columbus, Ohio, on June 13. (AP)

TENNIS | ALL ACES

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OUT OF THIS WORLD: Elena Dementieva returns a shot against Venus Williams during her three-set victory on Wednesday at the NASDAQ-100 Open in Florida.

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TODAY'S TV LINEUP

PRO HOCKEY (7:30 p.m. on Comcast) The Capitals visit the Boston Bruins, who are in the midst of a three-way battle to win the Northeast division.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN) Rutgers plays Michigan for the NIT Championship in New York.

PRO BASKETBALL (8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on TNT) Sacramento tries to hold onto the Pacific division lead when playing Dallas, and the L.A. Lakers try to catch the Kings with a victory over Houston.

GOLF (4 p.m. on USA) The BellSouth classic gets underway in Duluth, Ga.

TENNIS (1 p.m. on ESPN) The women's semifinals of the NASDAQ-100 Open.

Sports

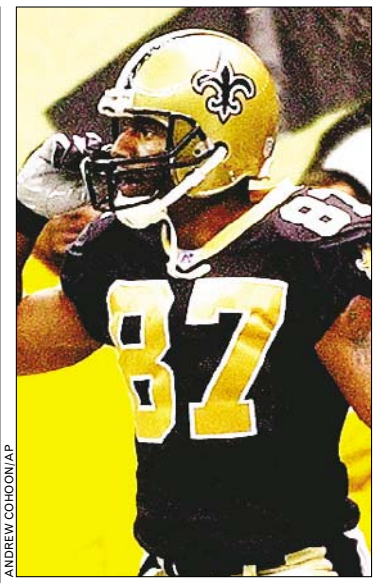
NFL to Penalize For Celebrations

FOOTBALL | NFL owners adopted a 15-yard penalty for excessive celebrations Wednesday after being embarrassed by Joe Horn's hidden cell-phone trick and Terrell Owens's end-zone autograph.

The penalty will be in addition to fines previously in place for choreographed celebrations. The infractions are considered unsportsmanlike-conduct penalties. The yardage will be marched off from the spot at the end of the previous play or, after a score, on the ensuing kickoff. If the infraction is flagrant, the player will be ejected.

The vote was 31-1, with the Raiders the lone dissenter.

In December, Horn made an end-zone call. The season before, Owens pulled a pen from his sock to sign the football after a touchdown catch. (AP)



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Joe Horn's cell-phone call led NFL owners to approve a new penalty.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
X-New Jersey	42	31	.575	—	3-7	29-16
Miami	36	38	.486	6.5	8-2	24-22
New York	35	40	.467	8	6-4	27-20
Boston	34	40	.459	8.5	6-4	23-25
Philadelphia	32	43	.427	11	5-5	22-26
Washington	23	51	.311	19.5	3-7	14-33
Orlando	19	56	.253	24	1-9	15-32

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
X- Indiana	54	20	.730	—	6-4	34-12
X-Detroit	47	27	.635	7	8-2	31-16
New Orleans	37	37	.500	17	3-7	27-23
Milwaukee	37	37	.500	17	3-7	29-17
Cleveland	32	42	.432	22	4-6	26-22
Toronto	30	43	.411	23.5	3-7	19-27
Atlanta	24	50	.324	30	4-6	15-31
Chicago	20	54	.270	34	2-8	17-30

WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
X-Minnesota	51	24	.680	—	6-4	28-18
X-San Antonio	49	25	.662	1.5	7-3	27-17
X-Memphis	48	26	.649	2.5	8-2	27-18
X-Dallas	46	28	.622	4.5	6-4	27-17
Houston	42	31	.575	8	5-5	18-25
Utah	38	36	.514	12.5	6-4	22-23
Denver	39	37	.513	12.5	5-5	25-21

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
X-Sacramento	52	21	.712	—	5-5	29-15
X-L.A. Lakers	51	23	.689	1.5	9-1	26-18
Portland	37	36	.507	15	7-3	20-26
Seattle	34	40	.459	18.5	7-3	20-25
Golden State	32	41	.439	20	7-3	20-26
L.A. Clippers	27	48	.360	26	1-9	13-34
Phoenix	26	49	.347	27	5-5	13-32

Standings through March 30.
X-Clinched playoff berth.

Scoreboard: Get a complete recap of the Wizards-Nets game and the rest of Wednesday's action in the NBA and NHL | washingtonpost.com/sports

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-Tampa Bay	45	21	8	6	104	240	187
Atlanta	32	36	8	4	76	210	239
Carolina	28	33	13	6	75	162	197
Florida	28	33	14	4	74	175	206
Washington	23	45	9	2	57	178	243

ATLANTIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
X-New Jersey	42	24	12	2	98	207	159
X-Philadelphia	39	20	14	6	98	223	180
N.Y. Islanders	36	29	10	4	86	223	202
N.Y. Rangers	26	39	7	8	67	200	244
Pittsburgh	21	47	8	4	54	183	298

NORTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
X-Boston	40	18	14	7	101	201	179
X-Toronto	43	24	10	3	99	234	204
X-Ottawa	41	22	10	6	98	254	178
X-Montreal	40	28	7	4	91	201	182
Buffalo	36	32	7	4	83	213	210

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-Detroit	46	20	11	2	105	248	181
St. Louis	38	28	11	2	89	185	191
Nashville	36	28	11	4	87	210	211
Columbus	24	43	8	4	60	169	230
Chicago	20	41	11	7	58	184	249

NORTHWEST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
X-Colorado	39	22	13	5	96	227	189
X-Vancouver	40	24	10	5	95	224	190
Calgary	40	29	7	3	90	195	172
Edmonton	35	28	12	5	87	216	202
Minnesota	27	29	20	3	77	176	177

PACIFIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
X-San Jose	41	20	12	6	100	211	176
X-Dallas	40	24	13	2	95	186	166
Los Angeles	28	27	16	8	80	200	207
Anaheim	28	34	10	8	74	181	210
Phoenix	21	35	18	6	66	186	243

Standings through March 30.
Y - Clinched division; X-Clinched playoff spot.

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Crystal Clear

Hip-hop-metal stars find being in a band is easier without musicians

MAGNUM PR

GOING COMMERCIAL: Scott Kirkland and Ken Jordan want you.

MUSIC | Rock bands are problematic.

One of the hurdles of putting together a rock band is that you usually have to staff it with musicians. And everyone has heard about musicians' problems: They nurse big egos, they drink too much, they don't follow your specific instructions not to solo after every. Single. Verse.

Maybe that's why Ken Jordan and Scott Kirkland restrict membership in the Crystal Method to two — plus some special guests and a slew of relatively docile computers.

The Crystal Method, which visits D.C. on Thursday, is often grouped with the likes of Moby, Fatboy Slim and the Chemical Brothers; all are dancefloor favorites whose creamy electronic centers are often coated in a hard-rock candy shell.

Despite breaking free of the perils of the traditional guitar-bass-drum band setup, the Crystal Method prefer to think of themselves as a band. In fact, sometimes they seem closer to hip-hop flavored nu-metal than to blippy house music. Maybe guest appearances by Wes Borland (Limp Bizkit), Scott Weiland (Stone Temple Pilots) and Tom Morello (Rage Against the Machine) have something to do with that.

The Crystal Method came straight outta Vegas in 1993. While the duo made its name in the rave scene of Los Angeles, the guys' early heroes were rockers — and rappers like self-professed kings of rock, Run-DMC. Kirkland even took guitar lessons from Mark Slaughter of the hair-metal band Slaughter.

All the influences show on 2004's "Legion of Boom." The latest album from Jordan and Kirkland melds guitar riffs, huge hooks, guest vocalists and booty bass — back to their roots.

The band's sonic style has become a screen and stadium staple, used to pump up sports shows, sportscar ads and blockbuster movies. Their early single "Keep Hope Alive" is theme song for the television series "Third Watch." Other songs have graced ads by the Gap and Mazda.

And it seems like every other action flick includes one of their trademark big beats: "Charlie's Angels 2," "Blade II," "Biker Boyz." Their work on the film version of Todd McFarlane's graphic novel "Spawn" led to the stylized superheroic McFarlane portrait of the duo on the cover of "Legion of Boom."

In the picture they're perched atop a skyscraper, poised to save the city from safe music. Point being, they look all swaggery and tough. And yet somehow danceable. BOB MASSEY

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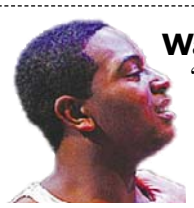

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Nighthawks in the City

The filmed subjects of this Chicago nocturne are totally in the dark

FILM | Daniel Eisenberg's 2003 film "Something More Than Night" may take its title from the menacing introduction to Raymond Chandler's "Trouble Is My Business."

But don't head to the Hirshhorn expecting tense, tough-guy film noir. Eisenberg isn't a hard-boiled novelist but an experimental filmmaker.

His languorous 77-minute 16mm Chicago nocturne dispenses with dialogue, character and plot. Instead, the director opts for long shots and long takes, using an almost completely static camera, to bring us slice after slice of the workaday activity that, in any big city, continues long after dark.

Waitresses take orders, construction workers finish concrete floors, a night guard sets up a security gate. There is rest and recreation as well: men sleeping on station benches, others working out at the gym or drinking at the bar.

Vehicles are in motion — police cars camp out or prowl by the lake, planes take off from the airport. There is even muted social commentary in the lines at the check-cashing store and the billboard reading, "Who's the Father? 1-800-DNA-TYPE."

A woman left stranded in a fancy dress is overheard crying, "Why did I even bother coming with somebody?" but we might as well be miles away.

And it's as close as we ever get.

GLENN DIXON

COURTESY OF DANIEL EISENBERG

DANCERS IN THE DARK: A beehive of Chicagoans in "Something More Than Night."

Hirshhorn Museum, 7th Street and Independence Avenue SW; Thu., Apr. 1, 8 p.m.; free; 202-357-2700. (L'Enfant Plaza)

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Phair Weather: Hot Times for Liz

You know what's cool about Liz Phair? Naw, not that she used to be all indie and have outsider cred — any idiot with a guitar can sign to a small label and quit washing their hair — but that she re-emerged as a hot pop princess. Now she's singing about younger men and digging on disco-dolly danceables that drive her earlier fans cuh-razy. Hee. Go, Liz!

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sun., April 4, with Rachael Yamagata and Wheat; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)

PHIL POYNTER

Next, Liz dabbles in Teutonic robo-rock and releases a country album.

Andy Warhol: Silver Screen

Lazlo is an art-world superstar, with an endless stream of starbabies coming out of his factory and an endless series of pithy quotables coming out of his mouth. Sound familiar? Step into the parallel universe of Cherry Red Productions, who are mounting "Cinema Verite," Wendy McLeod's nasty, brutish and short play about "the world of arty art and the arty artists who make it."

Chief Ike's Mambo Room, 1725 Columbia Road NW; opens Fri., April 2, Fridays through Sundays only through May 9; 8 p.m., $15; 202-298-9077.

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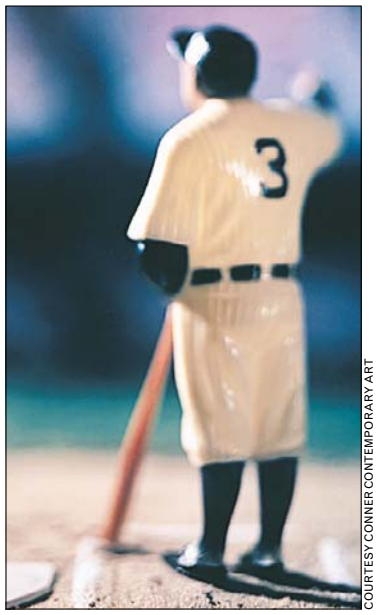
A photography exhibit is a wistful home run

GALLERIES | David Levinthal loves baseball; don't get him wrong.

It's just that there's something lonely, scary and human about America's Pastime that's probably the reason it's been superseded by bone-crunching football and zippy, sexy basketball.

Being not just a fan but a crucial artist in the Fabrication movement in photography, Levinthal expresses his ambivalence by placing wee toy figurines of baseball greats — your Mantles, Aarons and Ruths — in evocative mid-game poses and takes blurry but creamily beautiful pictures of them with a Polaroid camera. (They look nothing like the Polaroids you take at parties.)

These images are at once monumental and wistful: The small, static figures are the only focus of attention, but the little stadiums Levinthal constructs for the background are visible as a mere fuzz of lights and, one assumes, fans. The grass is bright green, the uniforms crisp, the ball flying high, out of sight, possibly forever.



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Levinthal's "Babe Ruth," in which the legendary slugger's lack of motion seems both expectant and melancholy.

The players at that moment are the superstars they've become and the young sandlot players they used to be, and the fact that they're plastic makes no difference to the poignant effect. Levinthal will be on hand for an artist's talk Saturday, April 3 at 2 p.m. (EXPRESS)

Conner Contemporary Art, 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW: opens Fri., April 2; through May 1; 202-588-8750. (Dupont Circle)

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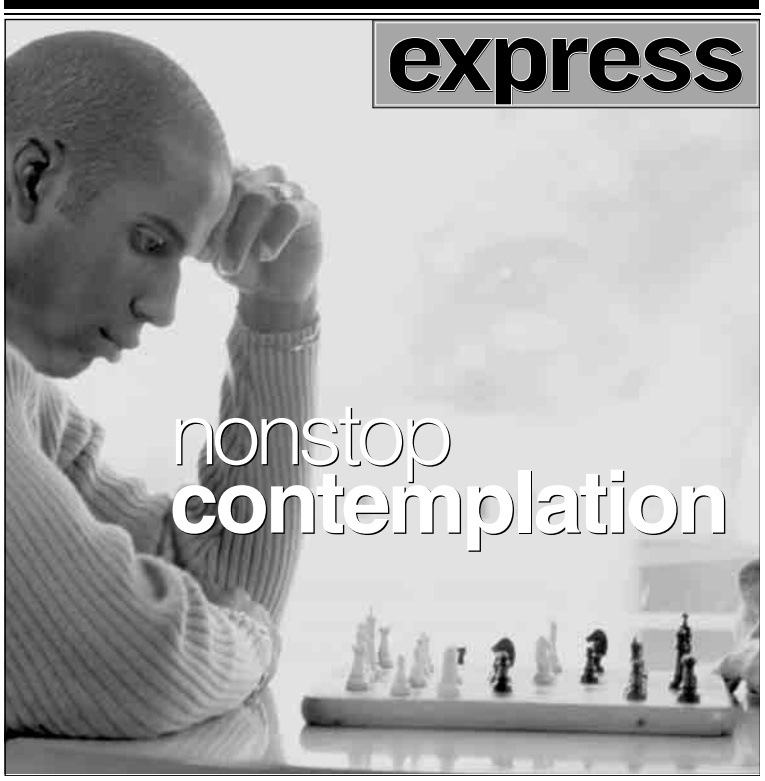

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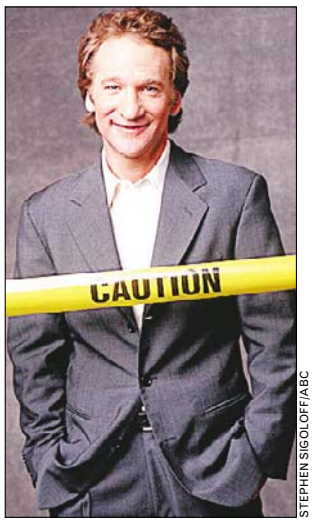

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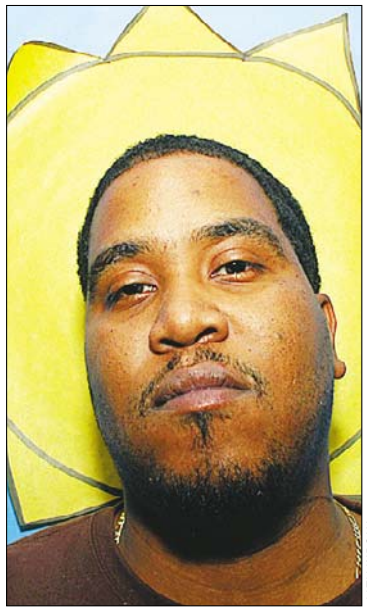
AGENT PROVOCATEUR: Bill Maher, erstwhile host of "Politically Incorrect," fearless (and controversial) humorist, snarks on the current administration and those to come at the Warner Theatre, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave., Fri., April 2, 8 p.m., $37.50; 202-432-7328.

Sans Sleep

MUSIC | D.C.'s own Gabriel Benn balances a bevy of clock-consuming activities. He's a full-time special-education teacher at Northwest's Rock Creek Academy and has an ongoing role with Project NOMMO, the innovative arts education program he founded. And earlier this year, Benn earned a master's degree in education and welcomed his second child.

Hip-hop heads know Benn as Asheru, half of the duo Unspoken Heard (with Blue Black) of the Seven Heads hip-hop collective and record label. Asheru will perform at the Black Cat on Saturday with a rare distinction — he's a District hip-hopper whose thoughtful rhymes fill headphones well beyond D.C.'s borders.



JATI LINDSAY

SON OF D.C.: Asheru raps nationwide.

Asheru's first solo album should hit stores late this summer. He called the album "While You Were Sleeping," appropriate enough for a man who rarely rests. "I just go, man," he explained in the midst of a 12-hour workday. "But I'm literally getting paid for what I love to do."

Delighting equally in classroom and microphone education, Asheru's current single ("Black Moses") flaunts heady flows with lines ingeniously piggybacking on one another: "My aura ignited like a flame burst / You need a dope record say my name first / Name first Gabe last Benn / You a has been / See I'm more like a will be."

For those hitting the Black Cat, Asheru promises a multimedia presentation, high-profile surprise guests and "treats people have never seen before." CRAIG SMITH

Asheru with Dujeuos, Roosevelt Franklin, R.P.M. Band and DJ P-Funk; Black Cat; 1811 14th St. NW; Sat., April 3, 9:30 p.m., $8; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

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TopStops

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Teutons of Fun: Mahler's 'Resurrection'

"Wouldn't you simply *die* without Mahler?" asked the kooky chick in "Educating Rita." Well, we might struggle along without the overwrought German for a few years, but it soon becomes imperative to hear something monumental like "Resurrection," about the cycle of death and renewal. National Symphony Orchestra and Cathedral Choral Society perform this towering work under the musical direction of Choral's J. Reilly Lewis.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Thu.-Sat., April 1-3; $20-$75; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

The Passion of That Guy: 'Life of Brian'

So Landless Theatre looked around the Zeitgeist and thought, "Now would either be a good time or a very, very bad time to stage 'Monty Python's Life of Brian.' Let's do it!" And behold, it was good. And it was also funny.

D.C. Arts Center Theatre, 2438 18th St. NW; opens Fri., April 2; Fridays and Saturdays only through April 24, 10 p.m., $15; landlesstheatre.org.

Drawing Looks: Anime Marathon

The Freer's annual Japanese Anime Film Marathon has animated fun for fans of miracle-working talking dogs, atmospheric mysteries, sci-fi epics and violent techno-thrillers.

Freer Gallery, 12th Street and Jefferson Drive SW; Sat., April 3, 11 a.m., free; 202-357-2700. (Smithsonian)

COURTESY FREER GALLERY

The co-stars of the anime film "Junkers Come Here" relax between miracles.

Be a Palindrome: The Bobs

The Bobs like music the way kids like Play-Doh: It's fun to stretch, bend and make funny things with and it's all very low-tech. The a capella quartet sings its original light tunes and other people's pompous tunes — "Light My Fire" is a favorite, as is "Caravan" (verbal drum solo, whoo!).

Wolf Trap, the Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; Thu.-Fri., April 1-2, 8 p.m., $18; 703-218-6500.

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Welcome to Bloomtown

Beyond blossoms: parades, dance troupes and sumo

OUT & ABOUT | It's cherry blossom season — do you know where your tiara is?

That's OK; even non-princesses deck themselves out this weekend as Cherry Blossom madness hits town like a pink-and-white whirlwind. The festivities are everywhere, but the Kennedy Center is a good place to start. On Friday evening, Millennium Stage is hosting Saeko Ichinohe Dance Company as the troupe presents its world premiere of "Utamaro." The piece is inspired by the work of Utamaro Kitagawa, master artist of ukiyo e — "images of the floating world," meaning the lives of geishas and their hermetic community. The company will also perform "Stars and Stripes and Cherry Blossoms."

But it isn't until Saturday that all heck breaks loose. Dancers, floats, marching bands, giant balloons, celebrity guests and, of course, the Cherry Blossom queen and her princesses march down Constitution Ave. (between 7th and 17th streets) in the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade beginning at 10 a.m., rain or shine.

After the confetti settles, hit the Sakura Matsuri, the annual street festival celebrating 150 years of U.S.-Japan relations. Ryujin Daiko taiko drum troupe brings 20 of its gigantic drums; special guests read Japanese folk tales to children, and sushi chefs whip up treats.

Best of all, though, are the sumo wrestlers. "Sumo on Freedom Plaza" features Musashimaru (the 67th Sumo Grand Champion) and members of the California Sumo Association. There will also be martial artists demonstrating kendo, aikido, naginata, kyudo and other native martial arts. But we're in it for the open-air clash of the titans. (EXPRESS)

Saeko Ichinohe Dance Company, Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Fri., April 2, 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

Festival information at nationalcherryblossomfestival.org.

For complete cherry blossom season-related event listings, visit washingtonpost.com/cherryblossom.

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August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Fences," now open at the Round House Theatre in Bethesda, is the story of Troy's life — the bitter second half. A great ballplayer in his youth, Troy quit the Negro Leagues in disgust because he knew his major-league talents were worth more. So he's appalled that his own grown son, Cory, intends to chase the dream of athletic glory.

One of Wilson's finest explorations of African-American life in the early 20th century, "Fences" touches on race, family and the shifting landscape of opportunity for black Americans. (EXPRESS)

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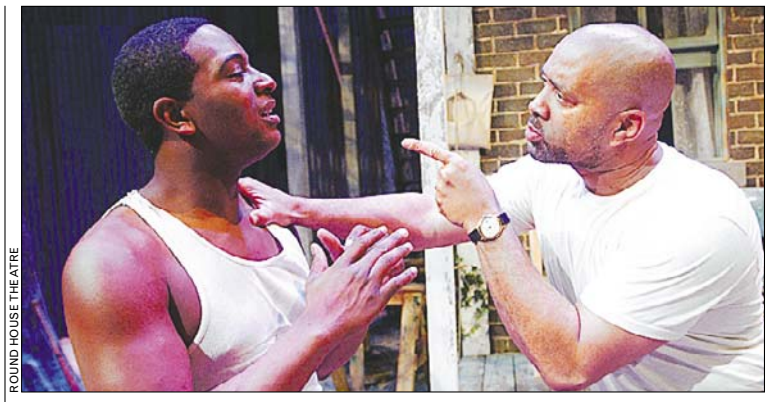

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PEARL EARRING (PG–13) (1:20)6:20
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MIE N YU

(3125 M St. NW; 202-333-6122) — The decor of this exotic complex dreams of empire, but the cooking is the equivalent of the emperor's new clothes, and nearly as expensive. Veggies are pretty good, but overall you'd do best to stick with the cocktails and appetizers (warm calamari salad, fig-stuffed quail, lacquered duck wraps). Leave the meat to restaurants more focused on perfecting their own style rather than lifting their concepts from industry trend magazines. Meat dishes $15-$31. Not wheelchair accessible. EVE ZIBART (REVIEWED AUG. 29, 2003)

ASIA BISTRO

(1301 S. Joyce St. in the Pentagon Row shopping center; 703-413-2002. Metro: Pentagon City) — The menu does lip service to the Pan-Asian concept (Korean-lite short ribs, Thai drunken noodles, Vietnamese lemongrass beef), but the Japanese fare, particularly the sushi, is this sleek little shoebox's strong suit. Of the other choices, the tempura and the two salmon entrees are the best; but you can do a lot with the happy-hour nibbles of edamame, California roll, grilled chicken, etc. Entrees $10-$27; à la carte $3.50-$12. E.Z. (MARCH 19, 2004)

SUSAN BIDDLE/TWP

The calamari frisee salad at Mie N Yu.

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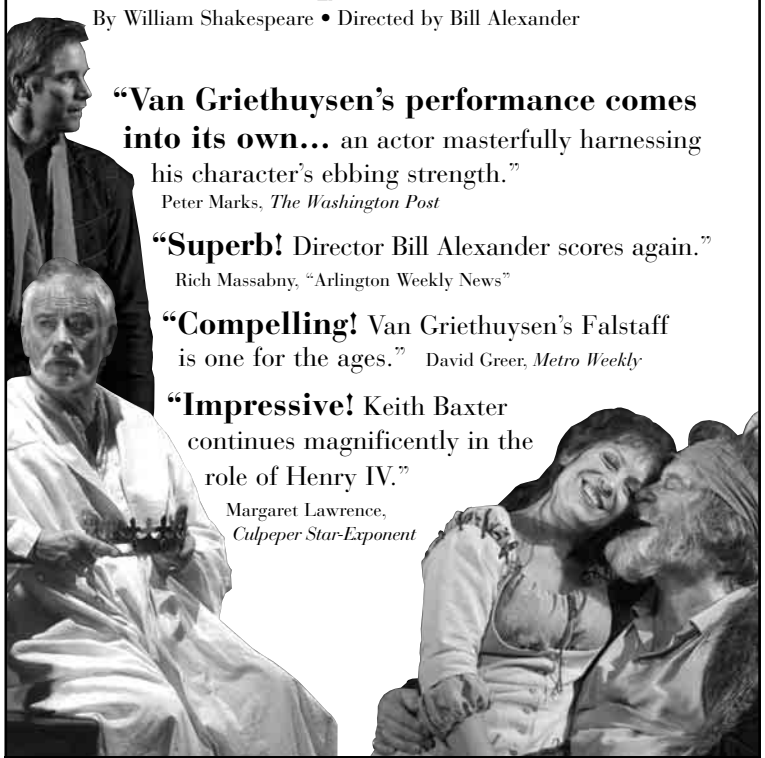

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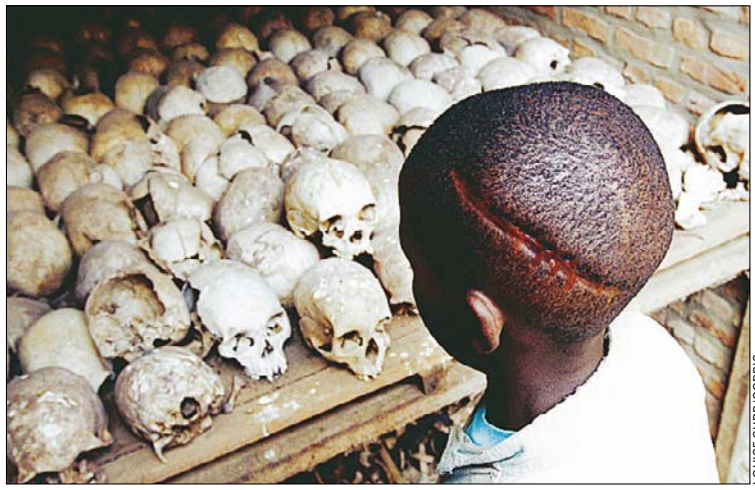
Television

The Price Of Neglect

TRAGIC HISTORY | Ten years ago this month, the African nation of Rwanda descended into genocide, leaving more than 800,000 members of the Tutsi tribe murdered at the hands of Hutu extremists. Despite the magnitude of the slaughter, the United States and the United Nations stood by.

"Ghosts of Rwanda" on "Frontline" (9 p.m., PBS) features a chronology of the horrific events as well as interviews with former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, members of the U.N. peacekeeping forces and survivors of the killing fields.

This tale of unspeakable human cruelty and complicated acts of governmental indifference is not easy to watch. "For me, the failure of Rwanda is 10 times greater than the failure of Yugoslavia," observes former U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. "Because in Yugoslavia the international community was interested, was involved. In Rwanda, nobody was interested." KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)



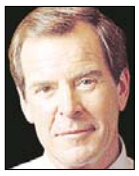
LOUISE GUBB/CORBIS

NO SIGHT FOR A CHILD'S EYES: Some of the remains of one massacred community.

ON TV TONIGHT

P.J.: DOWN WITH THE KIDS

PRIMETIME (10 p.m., ABC) Peter Jennings hosts a report on the proliferation of Ecstasy. He traces the history of this drug, discovered more than 60 years ago, that came out of obscurity to become the mind-altering substance of the 1990s. He also looks at government efforts to stop its spread — efforts that may do more harm than good.



Jennings

SKEPTICAL INQUIRERS

The scathing, funny show with the unprintable name returns for a second season. Behind it's expletive-laced outrage, **PENN & TELLER: BULL[BADWORD]!** (10 p.m., Showtime) offers a consistently reasonable look at deceptive fads, absurd trends, and dangerous and hypocritical political movements.

Tonight's episode offers a thought-provoking indictment of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). Speaking with victims of PETA's tactics as well as a former spokesman for the animal-rights activist organization, Penn & Teller describe the group as a cult-like band of zealots whose leader funds and supports violent extremists.

DON'T ALL PINK FLAMINGO LAWN ORNAMENTS TALK?

Jaye gets some advice from a pink flamingo lawn ornament on **WONDERFALLS** (9 p.m., Fox). The good news: Fox has reshuffled its schedule yet again to give viewers a chance to watch this engaging new series. The bad news: It's up against "CSI" and "The Apprentice." KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

4.1.04		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
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	WJLA 7	News CC	ABC News	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Extreme Makeover: Home		Kingdom Hospital		Peter Jennings Reporting		News CC	Nightline CC
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	Court	NYPD Blue CC		Hollywood	Cops CC	Psychic Detectives "Pilot"		Forensic	Evidence	The System "Fatal Passion"		Forensic	Hollywood
	Discovery	Stealth Secrets CC		New Detectives-Forensic		Lost in the Wild (N)		Who Was Moses? CC		Extreme Aerialists (N)		Lost in the Wild	
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	HGTV	Building	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House	Weekend	Landscapers	Divine Design	Designers'	House	House	Home to Go	Design-Dime
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	Lifetime	The Nanny	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	"Against Their Will: Women in Prison" (1994) Judith Light.				"A Step Toward Tomorrow" (1996) Judith Light. CC			
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	TBS	Home Imp.	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Friends CC	★★★ "The Mummy" (1999, Horror) (PA) Brendan Fraser. CC (DVS)					(:40) ★★★ "The Mummy" (1999) (PA)		
	TLC	Clean Sweep CC		In a Fix "Zen Spa" CC		Spymaster		Faking It (N)		Faking It CC		Spymaster	
	TNT	Charmed "Oh My Goddess"		Law & Order CC (DVS)		NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Dallas Mavericks. (Live) CC					NBA Basketball: Rockets at Lakers		
	USA	Walker, Texas Ranger CC		JAG "Adrift" CC		Law & Order		★★ "Happy Gilmore" (1996) Adam Sandler, Christopher McDonald. CC					Black Sheep
	VH1	(5:30) ★★★ "Grease" (1978, Musical) John Travolta.				★★½ "I'm Gonna Git You Sucka" (1988) Premiere.				Driven "Janet Jackson"		Fabulous Life	Fabulous Life
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	CSN	NASCAR	SportsNite (Live) CC		NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Boston Bruins. (Live)					Postgame	SportsNite	Best Damn Sports Show	
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	MSNBC	The Abrams Report (Live)		Hardball (Live) CC		Countdown-Olbermann		Deborah Norville Tonight		Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball CC	
MOVIES	AMC	★★★ "Barbarosa" (1982, Western) Willie Nelson. 'PG'				★★★½ "Coal Miner's Daughter" (1980, Biography) Sissy Spacek. 'PG'					★★★ "Love With the Proper Stranger"		
	TCM	(5:30) ★★★ "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" (1964) 'NR'				★★★ "Broadway Melody of 1938" (1937) Robert Taylor.				★★½ "Listen, Darling" (1938) 'NR' CC			Wizard of Oz
	HBO	"Wild Hearts Can't Be"		★★½ "Mission: Impossible" (1996) Tom Cruise. 'PG-13'				★★★★ "The Silence of the Lambs" (1991) Jodie Foster.				Real Sex: Down & Dirty	
	MAX	★★★ "Mortal Thoughts" (1991) 'R' CC			MAX on Set	★★½ "Brown Sugar" (2002) Taye Diggs. CC 'PG-13' CC				★★½ "Scooby-Doo" (2002) CC 'PG' CC			Passion
	SHO	★★½ "In the Shadows" (2001) James Caan. 'R' CC				★★★ "Bowling for Columbine" (2002) iTV. CC 'R' CC				Penn & Teller	Penn & Teller	Boxing: James vs. Jennings	
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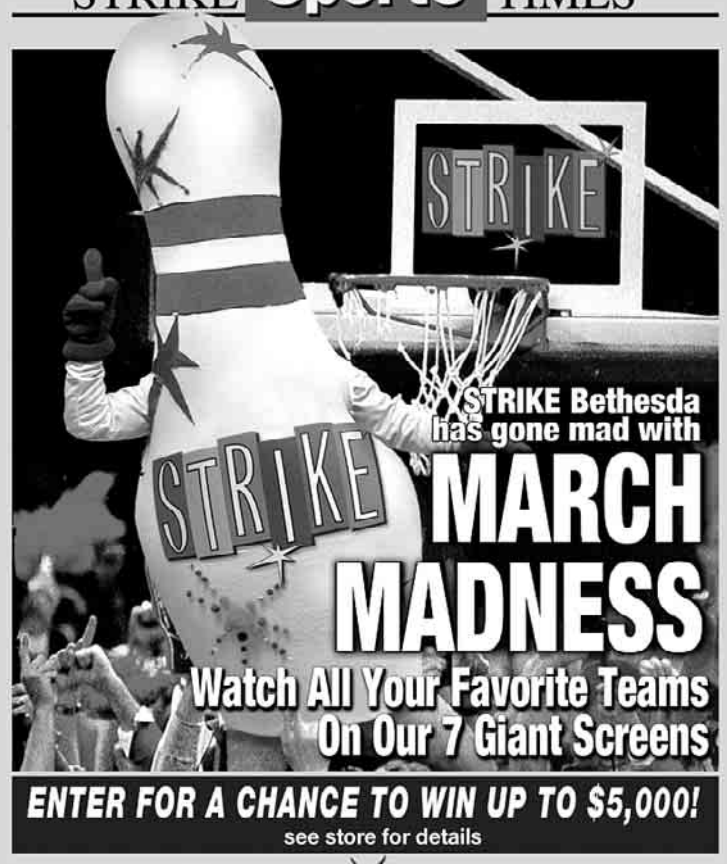

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People

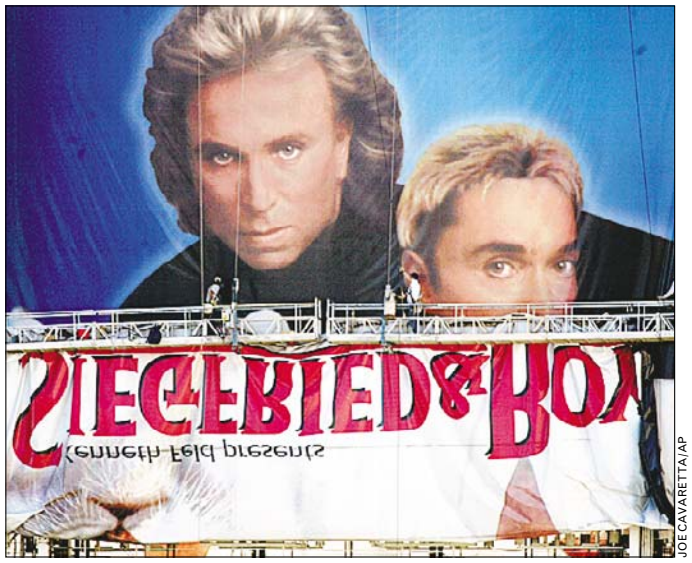
JACKO

Accuser Testifies, Or So Anonymous Sources Say

Under extraordinary secrecy, **MICHAEL JACKSON**'s 14-year-old accuser testified before the grand jury hearing evidence in the pop star's molestation case, according to a source close to the proceedings. Tuesday's hearing also included testimony from Jamie Masada, the comedy club owner who first arranged for Jackson and the boy to meet, according to the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity. (AP)

DENNIS COOK/AP

Meanwhile, on Capitol Hill, Jackson participated in a meeting about AIDS.



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MILESTONES

Goodbye, White Tiger

The landmark **SIEGFRIED & ROY** marquee on the Las Vegas Strip was changed on Wednesday, almost six months after a white tiger mauled illusionist Roy Horn. Hotel officials said the image of the duo had remained on the sign as a gesture of respect. "Siegfried and Roy have left an indelible mark not only on The Mirage and the Las Vegas community, but on the world," said Bobby Baldwin, Mirage Resorts chief executive. (AP)

TRUANTS

A Grace-less Exit

DEBRA MESSING will not appear in the last three episodes of "Will & Grace" because her doctor has asked her to stay off her feet for the remainder of her pregnancy, an NBC spokesman said Tuesday. The season finale, which features a wedding in Las Vegas and a guest appearance by Jennifer Lopez, is set to air on April 29. The baby, due this summer, is the first for Messing and her husband, screenwriter Daniel Zelman. (AP)

MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Puke green: choice of pregnant stars.

"Thom ... Pier ... wicker ... Noooooooo!!"

SITCOMS

Kirstie Resumes Career After Embarrassing Hiatus

Former Pier 1 Imports spokeswoman **KIRSTIE ALLEY** (she was recently replaced by "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" decorator Thom Filicia) is now in final negotiations to play the mother of Ricki Lake in an as-yet-untitled NBC sitcom project, reported Reuters. The plot: A young widow and her mom run a cop bar and raise the widow's two boys. (EXPRESS)

TRADEMARKS

Stop, It's Just Too Punny!

Last month, **DONALD TRUMP** and/or his handlers submitted a trademark application for the phrase "You're Fired." In a potentially irksome coincidence, that's also the name of a suburban Chicago pottery store (and a number of other, unrelated pottery stores), reported the Chicago Tribune. The owner, Susan Brenner, chose the name seven years ago. "Every person who walks into the store now says, 'Oh you're copying Donald Trump,'" Brenner told the Tribune. "I say 'No, he's copying me.'" So she called her attorney, who's writing a letter to The Donald himself. (EXPRESS)

CASTING

You Look Like a Monkey And You Act Like One, Too

"The Lord of the Rings" director Peter Jackson has cast **JACK BLACK** as Carl Denham, the showman who captures the giant ape in Jackson's update of "King Kong," due out in December 2005. Robert Armstrong played Denham in the 1933 original. Black will star with Naomi Watts. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Cloudy and chilly with rain	Drizzle, fog and occasional rain	Cloudy, rain and drizzle; chilly	Mostly cloudy, a shower possible	Partly sunny and windy; a shower	Blustery and chilly; mostly sunny
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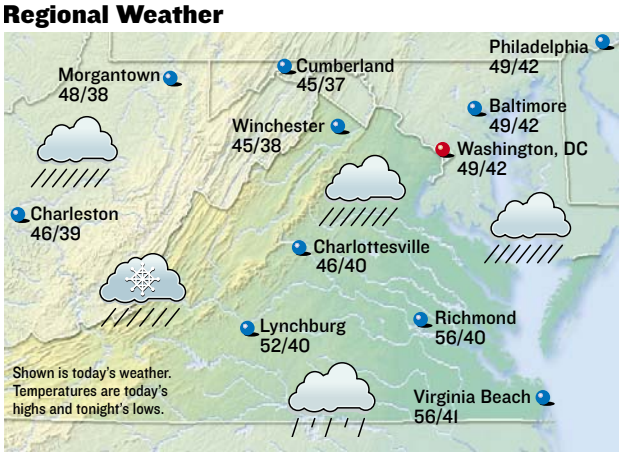
Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	53°
Low	44°
Normal high	61°
Normal low	41°
Average humidity	82%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.01"
Month to date	2.04"
Normal month to date	3.60"
Year to date	5.67"
Last year to date	13.59"
Normal year to date	9.55"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

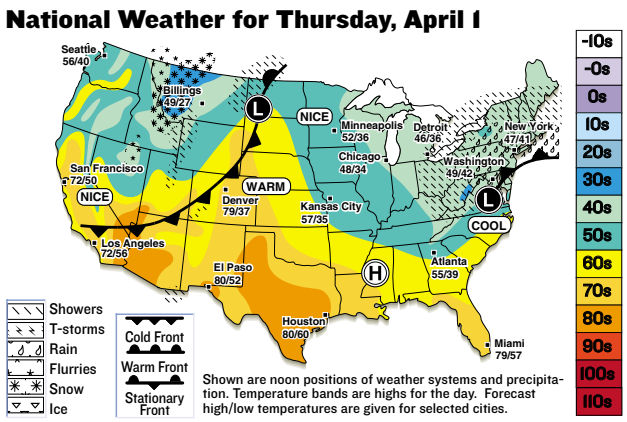
D.C. Metro: Today, cloudy, chilly, rain, drizzle, patchy fog. High 49. Wind variable 8-14 mph. Tonight, cloudy, rain, drizzle, patchy fog. Low 42.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:53 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:32 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:29 p.m.
Moonset today	4:13 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Apr 5	Apr 11	Apr 19	Apr 27

National Weather for Thursday, April 1



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	55/39/pc	62/42/pc
Boston	44/35/r	44/33/r
Chicago	48/34/pc	50/36/pc
Dallas	77/56/s	75/56/t
Denver	79/37/t	45/31/r
Honolulu	83/72/s	83/71/sh
Los Angeles	72/56/pc	72/54/pc
Miami	79/57/s	79/61/s
New York City	47/41/r	51/40/r
Orlando	72/46/s	78/52/s
Seattle	56/40/s	64/42/s

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	57/50/c	56/43/c
Athens	53/40/c	59/42/pc
Berlin	60/40/pc	56/41/pc
Buenos Aires	79/64/pc	79/68/pc
Calgary	41/23/sn	47/29/s
Dublin	53/43/r	57/40/pc
Geneva	60/46/pc	58/39/r
Moscow	21/1/c	20/2/sf
Rome	64/50/r	67/50/pc
Sydney	81/59/pc	77/55/s
Tokyo	58/46/s	65/48/r

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

I READ THE ARTICLE "U.S. Gas Prices Reach Record — Again" (March 29) with some consternation, knowing the blame game for high gasoline prices was about to begin. Sure enough, Wednesday the White House blamed Congress for the high gas prices, because it failed to pass Bush's energy bill.

The real culprit is the American consumer. Detroit and Madison Avenue have been telling us that we need bigger, more powerful cars, and we believe it. Detroit says it can't meet the fuel standards set by the EPA. Hogwash! They don't want to. The money is in the big gas-guzzlers.

—KEVIN B. ROST
Washington, D.C.

IN THE MARCH 31 ISSUE, the image of a collapsed ceiling in a classroom shows the phrase "Jesus Is Master Teacher" on the wall. In the same issue, the People page reports Janet Jackson was bleeped by the censors for saying "Jesus." So, the FCC can restrict late-night TV for adults, but Omaha school officials are not separating church and state?

—STACY ROGERS
Reston, Va.

Editors note: *Our caption should have noted that the ceiling mishap occurred at St. Mary's School.*

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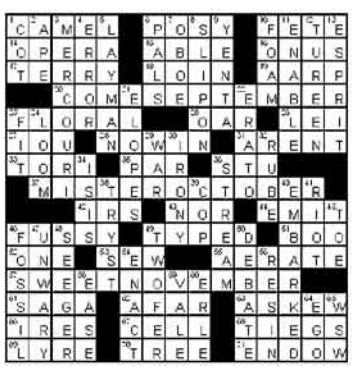
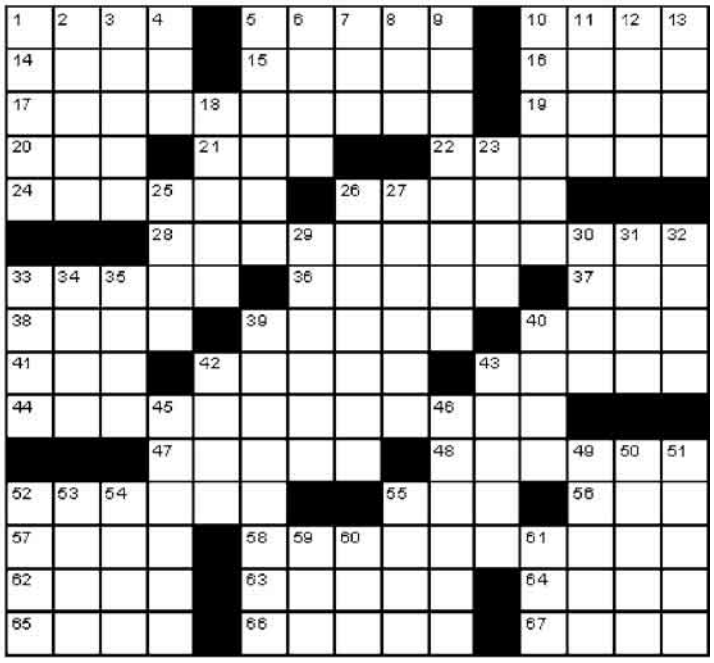


Crossword Puzzle: Good Sports | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*



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14 Nation on the Gulf of Oman
15 Must
16 Profess
17 Cartoonist honored by the Army
19 Solemn observance
20 Telepathy, e.g.
21 Flamenco cry
22 Dodges
24 Bagel choice
26 Center of activity
28 One of 100
33 Pale-faced
36 Wipe out
37 NBC co-founder
38 Spoils
39 Karloff, really
40 Riviera and Malibu
41 Letters from a dorm?
42 Crossword feature
43 Expunge one's debts
44 "Star Wars" star
47 Hopping mad
48 Finally
52 Geometry focus
55 School commencement?
56 1040 scrutinizer
57 Pageantry
58 Oscar nominee for "Fatal Attraction"
62 Boy in the first family
63 Things to be filed
64 Pay attention to
65 Phone sound
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DOWN
1 Kind of table, informally
2 Developed
3 Bellyaches
4 Blasting caps?
5 Captain Ahab or his ship
6 Patriot Nathan
7 Quiz
8 Shortened itinerary?
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10 Italian opera legend
11 Raring to go
12 Primary exercise
13 Short-horned bighorns
18 Randolph-Macon student
23 Service station service
25 What accomplices do
26 University of Wyoming city
27 Speechifies
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32 Grating sound
33 Actor Baldwin
34 Fountain fare
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40 Olympian Lewis
42 Trunk article
43 Rival of Tom and Dan
45 Small wave
46 Bug
49 Pined
50 Word with bump or limit
51 Held up, perhaps
52 Tiff
53 Freddie the Freeloader, e.g.
54 Congregational conclusion
55 Soccer celeb
59 Opposition response
60 Bit of a bite
61 Fidel friend

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope | *Stella Wilder*

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This is a good day to renew a commitment to a friend or loved one — and to back up your resolve with a demonstration of hard work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You will be able to go above and beyond as you help a friend accomplish something that, in the end, will pay off only lightly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Stamina is an issue, and you must guard against wasting fuel of any kind as you proceed cautiously along your charted course.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A figure from your past will intrude on your thoughts and dreams. Could there be a lesson to learn as a result? You bet there could.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You'll like the results you get when you buckle down and concentrate with renewed energy and ambition. Turn up the heat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Take care you don't give too much early on, leaving yourself with only a little energy when you really need it later in the day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) —You will attract some unusual types into your orbit, and you must be prepared to make some snap-judgments and stick to them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Remember, it's not over until you've given it your final effort and all the votes are tallied. You may still have a chance after all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec 21) — Money matters loom; concentrate on special interests, which might put a little more money in the coffers. Sample something new.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A complex issue will be illuminated, and someone close to you will expect you to come up with just the right plan at the right time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — It'll be worth your while to concentrate more closely on financial matters — particularly new budgets. A change may be required.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — An improvement will take place, which will allow you to excel at something you've only been experimenting with lately.

LIVE ONLINE

Howard Dean

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Former Vermont Gov. **HOWARD DEAN** was online Wednesday to discuss Democracy for America, a grassroots organization to support progressive causes, the 2004 election and his run for the Democratic nomination.

How are your group's actions different from a PAC?

The way we raise money won't be different, but the way we spend it will. We are putting money back into communities to fundamentally change the dialogue — on school boards, county commissions, state legislatures, etc.

I do not see Democratic grievances this year as equivalent to the anger (over taxes, abortion and cultural tolerance) that motivated the modern conservative movement. What is your outlook on the long term?

Our long-term job at Democracy for America is to hold the Democrats accountable after they win and before they win, so they can win.

We can't win if we don't stand for anything.

If John Kerry is unable to defeat President Bush, will you consider running in 2008?

We will worry about that in November. Right now, John Kerry has to be the next president of the United States.

Are you going to build any bridges to Ralph Nader's campaign?

There is a big difference between George Bush and John Kerry — a million-and-a-half Americans with no health insurance, hundreds dead in Iraq with no explanation why, environmental damage and physical damage for pregnant women and children who eat fish. These are just a few legacies of the Bush administration.

Dean and Nader voters hold the balance. A vote for Nader is essentially a vote for George Bush, which is exactly why I am supporting John Kerry.

Today on Live Online

10 A.M.: Robert E. Ebel, chairman of the Energy Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, discusses the OPEC decision to reduce oil production.

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April Highlights 2004

Exhibitions

Courtly Art of the Ancient Maya

April 4–July 25

East Building

More than 130 works of majesty and beauty include recent discoveries from ancient Mexico.

Organized by the National Gallery of Art, Washington, and the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco.

The exhibition is made possible by a generous grant from the Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation.

Televisa, the largest media group in the Spanish-speaking world, proudly sponsors this exhibition as part of its commitment to promote and share its Mexican heritage.

The exhibition is supported by an indemnity from the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities.

The *Maya* and *Diego Rivera* exhibitions listed above are part of ***¡Viva Mexico! Washington, DC Celebrates***, a citywide celebration of Mexican culture. For more information about programs and events, visit ***www.vivamexicodc.org***

Drawings of Jim Dine

Through August 1

West Building

From his iconic images of tools to works inspired by nature and antiquity, drawings by a brilliant American draftsman.

The Cubist Paintings of Diego Rivera

Memory, Politics, Place

April 4–July 25

East Building

Created during a time of war and revolution, little-known works by Rivera explore themes of national identity and place.

Organized by the National Gallery of Art, Washington, in collaboration with the Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City.

This exhibition is proudly sponsored by Target Stores as part of its commitment to arts and education.

From left to right: Palenque, Mexico, *Portrait Head of Pakal*, c. AD 650–683, Museo Nacional de Antopología–INAH, México; Diego Rivera, *No. 9, Nature morte espagnole (Spanish Still Life)* (detail), 1915, National Gallery of Art, Washington, Gift of Katharine Graham, © Banco de México Diego Rivera & Frida Kahlo Museums Trust; Jaina Island, Campeche, Mexico, *Figurine of a ballplayer*, AD 600–900, Museo Nacional de Antropología-INAH, México, © Photo: Michael Zabé

Learn

Opening Day Lecture

An Introduction to the Exhibition: Courtly Art of the Ancient Maya

East Building Auditorium
Sunday, April 4, 2:00 pm

Mary Ellen Miller
Vincent J. Scully Professor of the History of Art, Yale University

Public Symposium

New Discoveries in the Art of the Ancient Maya

East Building Auditorium

Saturday, April 17
1:00–5:00 pm

Roxanne Dávila, Brandeis University
Stephen D. Houston, Brigham Young University
Diana Magaloni, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
Simon Martin, University of Pennsylvania
Mary Ellen Miller, Yale University
David Stuart, Harvard University

Film Series

Milestones in Mexican Cinema 1898–2003

East Building Auditorium

A retrospective of classic and contemporary Mexican films.

April 18 at 4:30 pm
El Compadre Mendoza (1933)

April 24 at 3:30 pm
Tepeyac (1917) &
El Puño de Hierro (1927), with premiere of new piano scores performed by Martha Locker

April 25 at 4:30 pm
Ahí está el detalle (1940)

Organized in association with the Mexican Film Institute, Instituto de México, Secretariat for External Affairs, and the Consejo Nacional para la Cultura y las Artes.

Enjoy

Gallery Concerts

Concertgoers are admitted (first-come, first-seated) to the West Building, West Garden Court, beginning at 6 pm; concert begins at 7 pm. No one is admitted to the entrance (6th Street & Constitution Avenue) after 7 pm. Recorded information: (202) 842-6941.

April 4 Cuarteto de Cuerdas de Bellas Artes
String quartet from Mexico

April 11 (no concert)

April 18 Dmitry Sitkovetsky, *violinist*
Bella Davidovich, *pianist*

April 25 Misha and Cipa Dichter, *duo pianists*

Weekend Latin Jazz Brunch

Terrace Café
East Building Mezzanine
11 am–3 pm

Enjoy the flavors of Central America, accompanied by live Latin jazz.

April 4 Thad Wilson, *trumpet*

April 10 Dan Young, *guitar*

April 11 Alejandro Lucini, *percussion*

April 17 Thad Wilson, *trumpet*

April 18 Dan Young, *guitar*

April 24 Alejandro Lucini, *percussion*

April 25 Chris Cuzme, *flute*

53rd A.W. Mellon Lectures in the Fine Arts

East Building Auditorium
2:00 pm
First-come, first-seated

More Than Meets the Eye

Irving Lavin
Professor Emeritus, History of Art
Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

April 18 The Story of O from Giotto to Einstein

April 25 Michelangelo, Moses, and the Warrior Pope

Metro stops: Judiciary Square (Red Line), Archives (Yellow/Green Lines), and Smithsonian (Blue/Orange Lines)
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